

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 396 - HB 971

March 17, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to create an alert system to be activated on report of an active shooter. Designates the Director of the TBI as the statewide coordinator of the alert system. Requires the TBI to recruit public and commercial television and radio broadcasters, mobile telephone service providers by use of the federal wireless emergency alert system, private commercial entities, state and local governmental entities, the public, and other appropriate persons to assist in developing and implementing the alert system. Requires the Director of the TBI to prescribe forms for local law enforcement agencies (agencies) to use in requesting activation of the alert system. Requires the TBI to activate the alert system as the TBI determines appropriate to assist an agency regarding an active shooter, or upon request by an agency if the agency: (1) believes an active shooter is in the agency's jurisdiction; (2) determines an active shooter alert would assist individuals near the active shooter's location; (3) verifies the active shooter situation through a preliminary investigation; and (4) provides the active shooter's last known location and any identifiable information for the active shooter. Requires an agency to immediately contact the TBI to request activation of the alert system upon verification that the relevant criteria have been met. Requires an agency participating in the alert system to cooperate with the TBI and assist in developing and implementing the alert system and establish a plan for providing information to relevant parties on activation of the system.

Requires the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to establish a plan for providing relevant information to the public within 50 miles of an active shooter for which an alert has been issued through an existing system of dynamic message signs located across the state.

Effective upon becoming a law for the purposes of implementation; effective January 1, 2024 for all other purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$10,640,000/FY23-24/Highway Fund

Exceeds \$600,900/FY23-24/General Fund

\$557,600/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/General Fund

Assumptions:

- The TBI asserts that it will require six additional Intelligence Analyst 2 positions in order to staff and monitor the system at all times.

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- The increase in state expenditures related to these positions is estimated to be \$600,899 (\$356,976 salary + \$103,262 benefits + \$140,661 equipment, supplies, training, travel, communication, and professional services) in FY23-24 and \$557,609 (\$356,976 salary + \$103,262 benefits + \$97,371 equipment, supplies, training, travel, communication, and professional services) in FY24-25 and subsequent years.
- Based on information provided by the TBI, it is unclear at this time what additional technological needs the bureau may require in order to fully implement the system. It is, however, estimated that technological and equipment needs will result in an additional significant increase in state expenditures of an unknown amount in FY23-24.
- Therefore, the total increase in state expenditures to the TBI is estimated to exceed the amount required for the new positions in FY23-24.
- Based on information provided by TDOT, in order to provide adequate coverage of dynamic messaging to be able to issue the alerts within 50 miles of an active shooter in any location across the state, the department will need to acquire 16 additional dynamic message signs with fiber optic cable at approximately \$665,000 per sign.
- The total increase in state expenditures from the Highway Fund related to dynamic message signs is therefore estimated to be \$10,640,000 (16 signs x \$665,000) in FY23-24.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Sheriffs Association and the Tennessee Association of the Chiefs of Police, local law enforcement agencies will be able to meet their responsibilities pertaining to the alert system without an increase in local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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